

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the Claims as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting a media type format for which to generate generic postage indicia, said method comprising:

displaying to a display device in communication with a computer device, an input field for inputting a secured paper control number input;

receiving from a user, via the computer device, the secured paper control number input, wherein said secured paper control number input comprises a serial number that uniquely corresponds to a particular unit of secured paper label stock, wherein the serial number comprises a plurality of characters, wherein a subset of characters of the plurality of characters that comprise the serial number comprises a media type format identifier, wherein said particular unit of secured paper label stock comprises a plurality of labels, and wherein the serial number is visible on each label of the particular unit of secured paper label stock;

identifying a set of media type format information, ~~according to the serial number corresponding to the media type format identifier,~~ for formatting at least one generic postage label, wherein the set of media type information comprises at least one of: media type size, media type dimensions or media type configuration feature; and

calculating, according to the set of media type format information, at least one of: a printable size of a generic postage indicia for printing on an at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock, ~~and or~~ a print location of the generic postage indicia for printing on the at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 for selecting a media type format, said method further comprising:

generating a label stock preview display of the particular unit of secured paper label stock for display on the display device, wherein said label stock preview display is generated in a format according to the media type format.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 for selecting a media type format, said method further comprising:

generating at least one generic postage indicia for printing on the at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock in a format according to the media type format.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for determining a media type for a particular unit of secured paper label stock, wherein the particular unit of secured paper label stock comprises a plurality of labels, said method comprising:

receiving from a user, via a computer device, an input of a serial number, wherein the serial number is displayed on each label of the particular unit of secured paper label stock, and wherein the serial number uniquely identifies the particular unit of secured paper label stock;

retrieving from a computer-accessible memory storage, a record corresponding to the serial number, wherein said record comprises a media type format identifier corresponding to the serial number and further comprises media type information selected from the group consisting of: media type size, media type dimensions and media type configuration features; and

calculating, according to the media type format information, at least one of: a printable size of a value-bearing item indicia for printing on an at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock, ~~and-or~~ a print location of the value-bearing item indicia for printing on the at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4 for determining a media type for a particular unit of secured paper label stock, said method further comprising:

generating a label stock preview display for display on a display device that communicates with the computer device, wherein said label stock preview display is generated in a format according to the media type format.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4 for determining a media type for a particular unit of secured paper label stock, wherein the serial number comprises a media type identifier.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 4 for determining a media type for a particular unit of secured paper label stock, said method further comprising:

formatting a set of value-bearing item indicia for printing on the at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock according to at least one of: the size ~~and~~ or the print location.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for identifying to a system a secured paper media type, said method comprising:

displaying on a particular unit of secured paper label stock a unique secured paper identifier, wherein the unique secured paper identifier comprises a plurality of characters, wherein a subset of characters of the plurality of characters that comprise the unique secured paper identifier comprises a media type format identifier, wherein the particular unit of secured paper label stock media type format identifier corresponds to a particular media type, and wherein said particular media type is characterized by a corresponding corresponds to a set of media type information;

~~recording on at least one database a relationship between the unique secured paper identifier and the corresponding set of media type information;~~
identifying the set of media type information that corresponds to the media type format identifier; and

responding to an input by a user, via a computer device, of at least the unique secured paper identifier, by generating a printable format of at least one value-bearing item indicia for printing on an at least one label of the secured paper label stock, wherein the printable format of the at least one value-bearing item indicia is generated in a format according to the ~~corresponding~~ set of media type information that corresponds to the media type format identifier.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 8 for identifying to a system a secured paper media type, wherein each unit of secured paper label stock comprises a plurality of labels, wherein each label on a particular unit of secured paper label stock bears a distinct, unique secured paper control number, wherein the distinct, unique secured paper control number uniquely identifies the particular unit of secured paper.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 9 for identifying to a system a secured paper media type, said method further comprising:

tracking each label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock for which a value-bearing item indicia has been generated.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 8, said method further comprising:

generating for printing on the at least one label of the secured paper label stock, a representation of the unique secured paper identifier.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 3 for selecting a media type format, said method further comprising:

tracking each label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock for which at least one generic postage indicia has been generated.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 3, said method further comprising:

generating for printing on the at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock, a representation of the secured paper control number input.

14. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the media type identifier comprises a single leading character of the serial number.

15. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the media type identifier comprises a plurality of leading characters of the serial number.

16. (New) The method of Claim 8, wherein the media type format identifier comprises a single leading character of the unique secured paper identifier.

17. (New) The method of Claim 8, wherein the media type format identifier comprises a plurality of leading characters of the unique secured paper identifier.

18. (New) A method for identifying to a system a secured paper media type, said method comprising:

displaying on a particular unit of secured paper label stock a unique secured paper identifier, wherein the particular unit of secured paper label stock corresponds to a particular media type, and wherein said particular media type is characterized by a corresponding set of media type information;

recording on at least one database a relationship between the unique secured paper identifier and the corresponding set of media type information;

responding to an input by a user, via a computer device, of at least the unique secured paper identifier, by generating an at least one value-bearing item indicia for printing on an at least one label of the secured paper label stock, wherein the at least one value-bearing item indicia is generated in a format according to the corresponding set of media type information; and

generating for printing on the at least one label of the secured paper label stock, a representation of the unique secured paper identifier.

19. (New) A method for selecting a media type format for which to generate generic postage indicia, said method comprising:

displaying to a display device in communication with a computer device, an input field for inputting a secured paper control number input;

receiving from a user, via the computer device, the secured paper control number input, wherein said secured paper control number input comprises a serial number that uniquely corresponds to a particular unit of secured paper label stock, wherein said particular unit of secured paper label stock comprises a plurality of labels, and wherein the serial number is visible on each label of the particular unit of secured paper label stock;

identifying a media type format, according to the serial number, for formatting at least one generic postage label;

calculating, according to the media type format, at least one of: a size of a generic postage indicia for printing on an at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock, and a print location of the generic postage indicia for printing on the at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock;

generating at least one generic postage indicia for printing on the at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock in a format according to the media type format; and

tracking each label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock for which at least one generic postage indicia has been generated.

20. (New) A method for selecting a media type format for which to generate generic postage indicia, said method comprising:

displaying to a display device in communication with a computer device, an input field for inputting a secured paper control number input;

receiving from a user, via the computer device, the secured paper control number input, wherein said secured paper control number input comprises a serial number that uniquely corresponds to a particular unit of secured paper

label stock, wherein said particular unit of secured paper label stock comprises a plurality of labels, and wherein the serial number is visible on each label of the particular unit of secured paper label stock;

identifying a media type format, according to the serial number, for formatting at least one generic postage label;

calculating, according to the media type format, at least one of: a size of a generic postage indicia for printing on an at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock, and a print location of the generic postage indicia for printing on the at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock;

generating at least one generic postage indicia for printing on the at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock in a format according to the media type format; and

generating for printing on the at least one label on the particular unit of secured paper label stock, a representation of the secured paper control number input.